

Lesotho

US State Dept Travel Advisory

The US Department of State currently recommends US citizens **DO NOT TRAVEL** to Lesotho due to COVID-19. Consult its website via the link below for updates to travel advisories and statements on safety, security, local laws and special circumstances in this country.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html>

Passport/Visa Requirements

US citizens should make sure their passport will not expire for at least 3 months after they enter the country even if they do not intend to stay that long. They should also make sure they have at least 1 blank page in their passport for any entry stamp that will be required. A visa is not required as long as you do not stay in the country more than 181 days.

US Embassy/ Consulate

+(266) 2231-2666; EMER: +(266) 5888-4035; US Embassy Maseru, PO Box 333, Maseru 100, Lesotho

Telephone Code

266

Local Emergency Phone

Ambulance: 121; Fire: 122; Police: 123, 124

Vaccinations

An International Certificate of Vaccination for yellow fever is required for travelers arriving from countries with a risk of yellow fever transmission and for travelers having transited through the airport of a country with risk of yellow fever transmission. See WHO recommendations.

<http://www.who.int>

Climate

Temperate; cool to cold, dry winters; hot, wet summers

Currency (Code)

Maloti (LSL)

Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

220 V / 50 Hz / plug type(s): M



Major Languages

Sesotho (southern Sotho), English, Zulu, Xhosa

Religions

Protestant 47.8% (Pentecostal 23.1%, Lesotho Evangelical 17.3%, Anglican 7.4%), Roman Catholic 39.3%, other Christian 9.1%, non-Christian 1.4%, none 2.3%

Time Difference

UTC+2 (7 hours ahead of Washington, DC, during Standard Time)

Potable Water

Opt for bottled water.

International Driving Permit	Suggested
Road Driving Side	Left
Tourist destinations	Sehlabathebe National Park; Thaba Bosiu Mountain; Ts'ehlanyane National Park; Liphofung Nature Reserve
Major Sports	Soccer, boxing, judo, cricket
Cultural Practices	Generally, counting on one's hands is done in the opposite order as is common in many Western countries, beginning at the pinky and progressing towards the thumb.
Tipping Guidelines	At most restaurants tipping is expected and 10-15% is appropriate. The exceptions are in rural parts of Lesotho where it is generally the custom to simply round up the bill. Tipping taxi drivers 10% is expected.

Please visit the following links to find further information about your desired destination.

[World Health Organization \(WHO\) - To learn what vaccines and health precautions to take while visiting your destination. http://www.who.int](http://www.who.int)

[US State Dept Travel Information - Overall information about foreign travel for US citizens. https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel.html](https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel.html)

[To obtain an international driving permit \(IDP\). Only two organizations in the US issue IDPs: American Automobile Association \(AAA\) \(www.aaa.com\) and](http://www.aaa.com)

[American Automobile Touring Alliance \(AATA\) \(www.aataidp.com\)](http://www.aataidp.com)

How to get help in an emergency? Contact the nearest US embassy or consulate, or call one of these numbers:

from the US or Canada - 1-888-407-4747 or from Overseas - +1 202-501-4444

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